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Applicants : Christine Markert-Hahn et al.  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Reconsideration of this application in view of the following comments is respectfully requested.

By Office Action mailed March 28, 2006, the Examiner has entered a two-way Restriction Requirement as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response to the same, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group I claims – that is, claims 1-11, drawn to a method for the conversion of cytosine bases in a nucleic acid to uracil bases.

However, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's restriction of the claims. In this case, the Examiner has restricted between the method and the kit for accomplishing the method. Applicants submit that no additional burden is placed on the Examiner by searching both together, since the prior art against the method will be the same as applied against the corresponding kit. In this regard, the Examiner has picked one component of the kit (*i.e.*, bisulfite ions) which might be usable for a different purpose. However, the product claims (*i.e.*, the kit) contain a solid phase for the bisulfite reaction, in addition to the bisulfite ions. The solid phase must be considered along with the bisulfite ions when looking at the claimed kit in its entirety. In Applicants' opinion, it is not a legitimate approach to just look at an isolated feature of a claim (*i.e.*, bisulfite ions) without giving consideration to the entire scope of said claim.

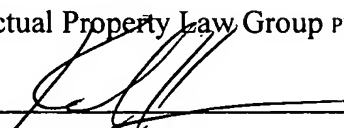
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In view of the above remarks, consideration of method claims 1-11 is respectfully requested, along with rejoinder of kit claims 12-15.

Respectfully submitted,

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